

# LABORATORY FLEXIBLE FUNDING MODEL (LFFM) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PROGRAM

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## Program Description

- Strengthen FDA's efforts to prevent foodborne illness and minimize foodborne exposures.
- Enhance the capacity and capabilities of state human and animal food testing laboratories in support of an integrated food safety system.
- Utilize sample testing to assist the FDA and our regulatory partners prevent contaminated product from reaching consumers.
- Equip our partner laboratories with additional resources that can be employed to build and increase sample throughput capacity within their state.

## Intended Outcomes

- Improve human and animal food testing surveillance programs.
- Enhance the network capacity of state laboratories by using sample testing in the areas of microbiology, chemistry, and radiochemistry, and the development of special projects.
- Expand the national capacity in scientific technology and other areas of interest.
- Accelerate foodborne illness outbreak investigations and reduce foodborne illnesses and deaths.
- Utilize sample data generated by these laboratories to remove adulterated food from commerce and aide regulatory programs in conducting inspections.
- Develop methods for early identification of emerging issues, monitoring and evaluation for future sampling initiatives.

## Program Metrics

- Current program funding: \$23.2M
- Current number of awards: 55
- LFFM CAP Awardees (FY2023)
  - Alaska
  - Arizona
  - Arkansas
  - California\*
  - Colorado\*
  - Connecticut
  - Florida\*
  - Georgia
  - Hawaii
  - Iowa\*
  - Illinois
  - Indiana\*
  - Kansas
  - Kentucky
  - Louisiana
  - Massachusetts
  - Maryland
  - Michigan\*
  - Minnesota\*
  - Missouri
  - Mississippi
  - North Carolina\*
  - Nebraska
  - New Hampshire
  - New Jersey\*
  - New Mexico
  - Nevada
  - New York\*
  - Ohio
  - Pennsylvania\*
  - Rhode Island
  - South Carolina
  - South Dakota
  - Tennessee
  - Texas\*
  - Virginia
  - Vermont
  - Washington\*
  - Wisconsin\*
  - West Virginia

\*Denotes states with two or more agencies with LFFM Cooperative Agreements